



**AMENDMENT AFTER  
FINAL REJECTION**

Application #	09/679,646
Confirmation #	8442
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Art Unit	1764
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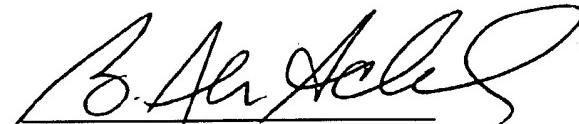
In response to the Final Rejection dated June 23, 2003, and the Advisory Actions dated October 29, 2003 and January 6, 2004, and further to a telephone discussion between Examiner Manoharan and the undersigned, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

**REMARKS to this Amendment** are provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

As set forth in the accompanying **REMARKS**, Applicants believe that in light of the present amendments, the case will be placed in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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